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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE LEAGUE COVENANT.

REVISED TEXT.

New York, April 28th.  
The following is the text of the Covenant of the League of Nations as it will be presented to the Plenary Session of the Peace Conference on Monday afternoon, April 28th.

In order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just and honourable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as to actual rule of conduct among Governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized peoples with one another, the High Contracting Parties agree to this Covenant of the League of Nations.

Article I.—The original members of the League of Nations shall be those of the signatories which are named in the Annex to this Covenant and also such of those other States named in the Annex as shall accede without reservation to this Covenant. Such accessions shall be effected by a declaration deposited with the Secretariat within two months of the coming into force of the Covenant, and notice thereof shall be sent to all other members of the League. Any fully self-governing State, Dominion or Colony not named in the Annex may become a member of the League if its admission is agreed to by two-thirds of the Assembly, provided that it shall give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations and shall accept such regulations as may be prescribed by the League in regard to its military and naval forces and armaments. Any member of the League may, after two years' notice of its intention so to do, withdraw from the League, provided that it will discharge its international obligations and all its obligations under this Covenant shall have been fulfilled at the time of its withdrawal.

Article II.—The action of the League under this Covenant shall be effected through the instrumentality of an Assembly, and of a Council with a permanent Secretariat.

Article III.—The Assembly shall consist of representatives of the members of the League. The Assembly shall meet at stated intervals and from time to time as occasion may require, at the seat of the League or at such other place as may be decided upon. The Assembly may deal at its meetings with any matter within the sphere of action of the League or affecting the peace of the world. At meetings of the Assembly each member of the League shall have one vote and may have not more than three representatives. Article IV.—The Council shall consist of representatives of the United States of America, of the British Empire, of France, of Italy and of Japan, together with representatives of four other members of the League. These four members of the League shall be selected by the Assembly from time to time in its discretion, until the appointment of the representatives of the four members of the League first selected by the Assembly representatives of — shall be members of the Council. With the approval of the majority of the Assembly the Council may name additional members of the League whose representatives shall always be members of the Council. The Council, with like approval, may increase the number of members of the League to be selected by the Assembly for representation on the Council. The Council shall meet from time to time, as occasion may require, and at least once a year at the seat of the League or at such other place as may be decided upon. The Council may deal at its meetings with any matter within the sphere of action of the League or affecting the peace of the world. Any member of the League not represented on the Council shall be invited to send a representative to sit as a member at any meeting of the Council during the consideration of matters specially affecting the interests of that member of the League. At meetings in the Council, each member of the League represented on the Council shall have one vote and may have not more than one representative.

Article V.—Except where otherwise expressly provided in the Covenant decisions of any meeting of the Assembly or of the Council shall require the agreement of all the members of the League represented at the meeting. All matters of procedure at the meetings of the Assembly or of the Council, and the appointment of Committees to investigate particular matters shall be regulated by the Assembly or by the Council, and may be decided by a majority of the members of the League represented at the first meeting of the Assembly, and the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the President of the United States.

Article VI.—The permanent Secretariat shall be established at the seat of the League. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary-General and such secretaries and staff as may be required. The first Secretary-General shall be the person named in the Annex; thereafter the Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Council with the approval of the majority of the Assembly. The secretaries and staff of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary-General with the approval of the Council. The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the Assembly and of the Council. The expense of the Secretariat shall be borne by the members of the League in accordance with the apportionment of the expenses of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union.

Article VII.—The seat of the League is established at Geneva. The Council may, at any time, decide that the seat of the League shall be established elsewhere. All

positions under, or in connection with, the League, including the Secretariat, shall be open equally to men and women. Representatives of the members of the League and officials of the League, when engaged on the business of the League, shall enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities. The buildings and other property occupied by the League or its officials or by representatives attending its meetings shall be inviolable.

Article VIII.—The members of the League recognize that the maintenance of a peace requires the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement, by common action, of international obligations. The Council, taking account of the geographical situation and circumstances of each member of the League, shall formulate plans for such reductions for the consideration and action of the Governments. Such plans shall be subject to reconsideration and revision at least every ten years. After the plans shall have been adopted by the several Governments the limits of armaments therein fixed shall not be exceeded without the concurrence of the Council. The members of the League agree that the manufacture by private enterprise of munitions and implements of war is open to grave objections. The Council shall advise how the evil effects attendant upon such manufacture can be prevented, regard being paid to the necessities of the members of the League which are not able to manufacture the munitions and implements of war necessary for their safety. Each State undertakes to interchange full and frank information as to the scale of their armaments, their military and naval programmes, and the conditions of such of their industries as are adaptable to warlike purposes.

Article IX.—A permanent Commission shall be constituted to advise the Council on the execution of the provisions of Articles I, and VIII, and on military and naval questions generally.

Article X.—The members of the League undertake to respect and preserve, against external aggression, the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the Council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.

Article XI.—Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern of the whole League, and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations. In case such emergency should arise the Secretary-General shall, on the request of any member of the League, forthwith summon a meeting of the Council. It is also decided that the fundamental right of each member of the League to bring to the attention of the Assembly or of the Council any circumstances whatever affecting international relations which threaten to disturb either the peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends.

Article XII.—The members of the League agree that if there should arise between them any dispute likely to lead to a rupture they will submit the matter either to arbitration or to inquiry by the Council, and they agree, in no case, to resort to war until three months after the award by the arbitrators or the report by the Council. In any case, under this Article, the award of the arbitrators shall be made within a reasonable time, and the report of the Council shall be made within six months after the submission of the dispute.

Article XIII.—The members of the League agree that whenever any dispute shall arise between them which they recognize to be suitable for submission to arbitration and which cannot be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy, they will submit the whole subject matter to arbitration. Disputes regarding the interpretation of a treaty, as to any question of international law, as to the existence of any fact which if established would constitute a breach of an international obligation, or to any dispute of a similar nature, the parties to which are referred to arbitration, are declared to be among those which are generally suitable for submission to arbitration. For the consideration of any such dispute the Court of Arbitration to which the case is referred shall be the Court agreed on by the parties to the dispute or stipulated in any Convention existing between them. The members of the League agree that they will carry out in full good faith any award that may be rendered and that they will not resort to war against a member of the League which complies therewith. In the event of any failure to carry out such an award the Council shall propose what steps need be taken to give effect thereto.

Article XIV.—The Council shall formulate and submit to the members of the League for adoption plans for the establishment of a permanent Court of International Justice. The Court shall be competent to hear and determine any dispute of an international character which the parties thereto submit to it. The Court may also give an advisory opinion upon any dispute or question referred to it by the Council or by the Assembly.

Article XV.—If there should arise between members of the League any dispute likely to lead to a rupture which is not submitted to arbitration as above, the members of the League agree that they will submit the matter to the Council. Any party to the dispute may effect such submission by giving notice of the existence of the dispute to the Secretary-General, who will make all necessary arrangements for a full investigation and consideration thereof. For this purpose the parties to the dispute will communicate to the Secretary-General, as promptly as possible, statements of their case and all the relevant facts and papers. The Council may forthwith direct the publication thereof. The Council shall endeavour to effect a settlement of any dispute, and if such efforts are successful a statement shall be made public giving such

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## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

A. RAHMINS WINS GOLD MEDAL.

As reported in yesterday's China Mail, the fourth annual athletic sports meeting of St. Joseph's College was held at the Race Course. The Championship Gold Medal was won by A. Rahmin, the youthful champion of the Colony who, it might be mentioned, won the Senior 120 Yards Flat Race in 28 3/4 seconds, beating his own time of 25secs. with which he won the Championship of the Colony at the Lusitano Sports meeting held on Easter Monday. In the course of the one-mile bicycle race, an accident occurred which was fortunately not serious. The three leaders in this race, while in the straight for home, collided and fell. A. G. Ables received a few bruises and had to be carried out of the field. Queen's College easily won the team race open to all schools in the Colony, the only other competing school being St. Ignace's. G. A. Hyder, another of the College's promising young runners, won outright the Cup presented by the Civil Service for competition amongst the Hongkong schools. For this feat, he was awarded a special prize. In recognition of his success at the Lusitano Sports when he won the Championship of the Colony, A. Rahmin was presented with a special prize by the St. Joseph's College Sports Committee. At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. E. Dulpis distributed the prizes to the successful competitors amidst loud applause, and Mr. J. P. Braga presented her with a bouquet of flowers in a silver vase. Bro. Aimar, the Director, thanked all who had contributed towards making the sports a success.

Following are the results of the events which were run off after we had gone to press yesterday:

High Jump (Senior).—1, J. Go. 2, Lam Hon Wing. Height, 5ft. 1in.  
120 Yards Flat Race (open to St. Ignace's Industrial School).—1, Lo Yew; 2, Ka Tat To Luk.  
220 Yards Flat Race (Junior).—1, Cheong Koon Woon; 2, L. Ribeiro.  
220 Yards Flat Race (Senior).—1, A. Rahmin; 2, O. Ismail.  
120 Yards Flat Race.—1, J. Braga; 2, T. A. Carvalho.  
Team Race.—1, Queen's College. 2, St. Ignace's; 3, A. Rahmin; 4, L. Ribeiro.  
100 Yards Flat Race (open to Italian Convent School).—1, Agnes Dillon; 2, Margaret William.  
Half-Mile Flat Race (Junior).—1, L. Ribeiro; 2, F. Ribeiro; 3, Cheong Koon Woon.  
Half-Mile Flat Race (Senior).—1, G. Hyder; 2, B. Hyder; 3, F. Rodrigues.  
Veterans' Race.—1, E. J. Noronha; 2, H. Canipessa.  
100 Yards Flat Race.—1, D. Razack; 2, L. Haroon.  
One Mile Bicycle Race.—1, L. Ribeiro; 2, A. Botelho.  
100 Yards Flat Race (open to St. Mary's School).—1, A. Oliveira; 2, J. Luiz; 3, B. Gil.  
440 Yards Flat Race.—1, R. M. Oumar; 2, F. Xavier; 3, A. Ismail.  
100 Yards Flat Race (open to St. Francis School).—1, A. Dillon; 2, B. Gosano; 3, A. Ozorio.  
Three-Legged Race.—1, M. Silva and L. Xavier; 2, Loi Hong Wing and Heun Ping.  
100 Yards Flat Race (open to French Convent).—1, H. Solomon; 2, R. Chue.  
150 Yards Flat Race.—1, J. Luiz; 2, B. Santos; 3, R. Tavares; 4, C. Wong.  
120 Yards Consolidation Race (Junior).—1, A. da Silva; 2, J. T. Cottin.  
120 Yards Consolidation Race (Senior).—1, S. Sopher; 2, I. Hasin.

## NEW DIRECTORY

Rosenstock's Gazetteer and Commercial Directory of China (vol. xxv, 1919) is a directory that is a directory. It is so well known now that it is hardly necessary to point to its excellent arrangements. Judging by the section of general information, the work is done in Shanghai chiefly for Shanghai, but Hongkong has the place of honour in the directory, and its department seems to have been brought up to date, so far as a cursory examination permits us to certify. We notice one or two cases in which alterations are already necessary, but none very material. As a guide to the China coast and twenty ports, for all doing business or seeking to do business therewith, Rosenstock's Directory is a desk essential. As a constant companion for the twelve months, it is convenient to handle and easy to use, owing to its compactness and the use of different coloured papers.

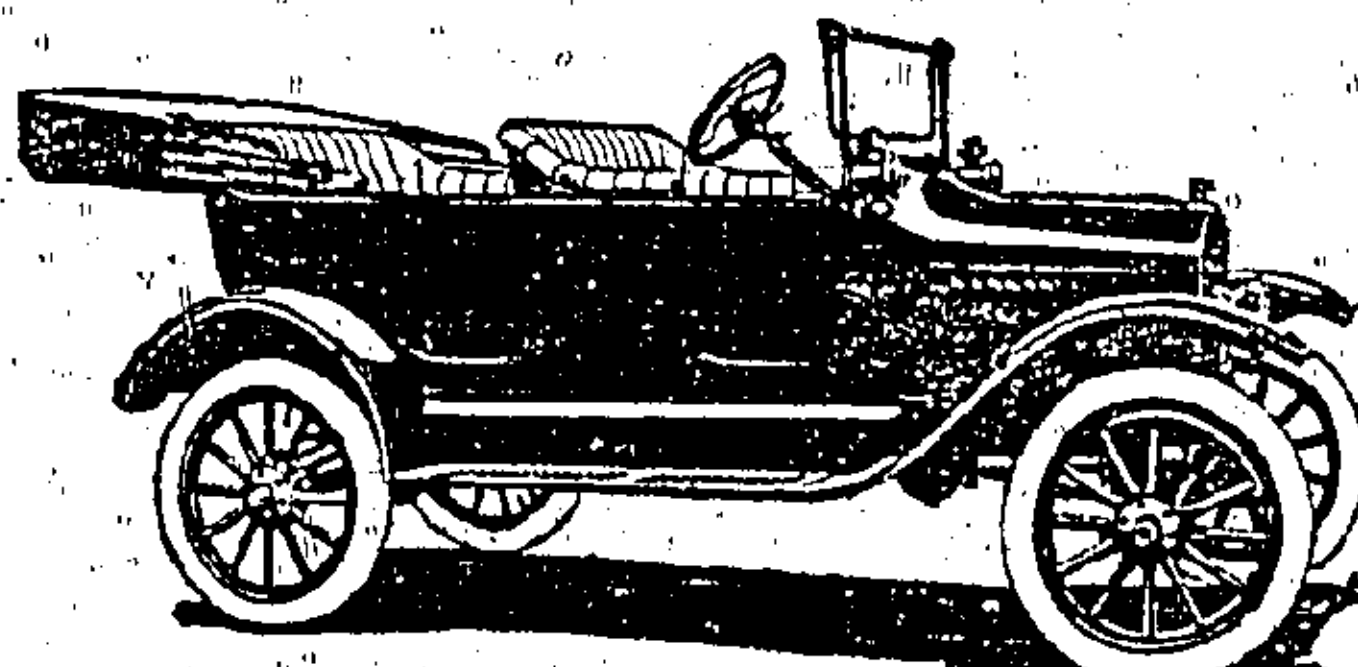
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## MARRIAGES.

**BANKER-THORNBURN.**—At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on April 25, by the Bishop of Victoria, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Harrington, George Banker, of Wanchow and Hongkong, to Miss. (Maudie), youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thornburn, formerly of Shanghai. Shanghai papers please copy.

**BAIN-HUTCHINSON.**—On April 24, at Shanghai, Charles MacLeod Bain, to Alma Hutchinson.

**RATCLIFF-HAYCOCK.**—On March 4, Lieutenant Joseph Ratcliff, of the Royal Air Force, third son of J. Ratcliff, of Shanghai, and late member of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.'s staff in Shanghai, to Edith Margaret Haycock of Margate.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1919.

## TO-DAY.

Today is an anniversary of the day on which a tiresome young Victorian person desired to be awakened at an early hour. "Call me early," she called, and she was called. It is almost certain that pestered lady must have called her something different. It is only here and there in remote parts of England that the pretty ceremony of braying the Maypole and of following the Morris dancers is kept up. May Day, like Shrove Tuesday, Guy Fawkes' Day and St. Valentine's Day, has lost its ancient importance, or assumed one altogether different. As "Labour Day" it is probably being honoured to-day over a wider area and by more persons than any other festival. In Australia, or in some Australian States, "Labour Day" is a statutory holiday. It is interesting to note that as "Lab'our Day" it is being officially honoured in Canton this year. The Chinese seem to have innately tidy minds. They love order. Not for them the moveable feast of the ancient Romans. Long ago they decided that summer must begin every year on the same day, and end as regularly. Beginning with the day when it must be "Slightly Cold" according to programme, and "Greatly Cold" on January 21, their year moves on from date to date as imperturbably

## RED HOT POKER.

They had a pack of cards and a boxful of red, white, and blue discs. They said these were worth, respectively, 50 cents, 10 cents, and one dollar. They were pretty things, but it is doubtful if they were really worth all that. The idea was to give each man five cards, and for each man to put in the middle of the table two white discs. The man with the prettiest assortment of cards, to be adjudged by popular vote, would be entitled to gather up the ten white discs from the middle of the table. Mental arithmetic showed that he would have eight white discs more than he started with. It seemed a pleasant, mildly exciting, if not very intellectual game, so Deponent was persuaded to join in. A reference to work waiting to be done after dinner was met with the assurance that the game would cease at 10 p.m., so that was all right. Unfortunately, the gambling spirit which is so regrettably rife in this colony seized upon some of them before each aggregation of cards was examined. The man on Deponent's left intimated that he was so convinced in his own mind that his five cards looked nicer than any other quinter could possibly do, that he was willing to wager two extra white discs that it would prove to be so. This egotism provoked the man beyond him to dissent. Personally he was so persuaded that the cards he held would be universally acclaimed the most admirable selection that he was resolved to wager as many as four white discs that his judgement would be endorsed.

Whereupon the gentleman on his left suggested that it was advisable so as to obviate possible confusion for him to deposit a red disc in the middle of the table, where all might see it, and to take away one white one. It was explained that this transaction would serve as a memorandum or minute of the observation just uttered. The gentleman very willingly did as suggested. The player next in turn seemed a little ashamed of the bargain, and pointedly announced that although he might not have the most admirable "hand," by which he meant the cards held in his hand, he was consumed with curiosity to see the previous speaker's collection, and would contribute four white discs to the pot. Deponent, observing now the cards that had been entrusted to himself, saw that the colour and form of the conventional patterns imprinted upon them were identical. They all had varying numbers of small black designs resembling the shamrock, or clover, or trefoil. It occurred to him that this was a good omen, and when he further noticed that one card had five, another six, and so on up to nine of these symbols, the ordinal sequence of the arrangement seemed most singular and admirable. Reflecting, moreover, that the modesty of the previous speaker had been too ostentatious, and in some sort a reproach to the others—also that ostentatious modesty is the most aggravated form of conceit—he had the happy idea of "keeping them in countenance" by following their example. So he informed them that he was so struck by more than one singular feature of the cards he held that he would wager six white discs that they would be pronounced the most deserving. Whereupon Deponent followed, and there was quite a mound of varicoloured discs in the middle of the table. When they had wearied of this, it was agreed that all the cards should be exhibited and compared.

A straight flush, by gum," cried one man, and beat his breast. "That means a dollar, premium," said another, and tore his hair. So the mound of discs was pushed forward. Deponent, and each man gave him a blue disc. They further remarked that it was the custom on such occasions to summon the Boy and order light refreshments. This was done, and they continued in this pleasant way until two a.m., at which hour Deponent found himself in possession of three white discs, an accumulation of chips requiring signature, and one headache. They said the name of this pastime was poker. It probably is.

## FOR REPTILE CONTEMPORARIES.

The China Mail is usually too busy to waste time on questions of journalistic etiquette, but there are some things going on which it is compelled to notice. We do not care to make a definite accusation without the fullest possible proof, but we are bound to assert that one of our contemporaries has dared to publish a semicolon that is suspiciously like one we had in two days ago.

## ABOLITION OF THE PRESS CENSORATE.

It is understood that the Press Censorate died when April did, but it hasn't been gazetted yet. You don't catch us that way. We'll wait for Saturday's Gazette. Then in Monday's China Mail; but don't expect too much. We have a tender heart, even for public nuisances. What did you think we were going to do, anyway? Swear? Tut, tut.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 4 15/16d.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows eight cases of plague, one of enteric, and four of cerebro-spinal fever.

The *Stentor* brought 95 bags of letter mail yesterday. The letters are those posted in London up to March 20.

Many happy returns of the day to the bronze figure that watches Pedder's Wharf for us. The Duke of Connaught is 69 to-day.

Among recent shipping arrivals in harbour are *Kwangshai*, *Haidis*, *Kweilin*, *Irens*, *Kong Ning*, *Huichow*, *Fushiki*, *Maru*, *Drufar*, *Shimon*, and *Hwah* *Ki*.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. C. Bond, Manager of Messrs. Gande Price & Co., had to go into the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday suffering from rheumatic fever.

There are 300 coolies at the Harbour Office this morning awaiting examination for emigration. They are from Kungchow and are proceeding to Biliton in the Dutch Indies for work in tin mines.

The General Officer Commanding is carrying out his annual inspection of the Coast Defence companies of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A. at Kowloon at 10 a.m. to-morrow. The G.O.C. is also inspecting the Mountain Battery at Kowloon at 10 a.m. on May 5.

The first man of the Royal Naval Yard Police to return from active service is Mr. Heath who has just come back after being demobilized. Mr. Heath was with the battery of R.F.A. in France during the big offensive. We regret to hear that Crown Sgt. McKnight of the same force, who is known by many in the Colony, has lost his right leg. Amputation was necessary in consequence of a wound from a shell. The fighting was so intense at the time that before medical attention could be obtained gangrene set in. Mr. McKnight will therefore not return to the Naval Yard Police. At the time of his injury, Mr. McKnight was serving at his gun as No. 1, he being a sergeant in the same battery as Mr. Heath.

## BANVARDS COMING.

Richard Wilbur called at the China Mail office to-day and made the entirely voluntary statement that the Banvard Comedy Company will show at Hongkong on May 10, 1919. Because this company is so large, because such a big bunch of feminine loveliness has never been handed to Hongkong in one act before, because North China was almost hysterical in their praise, Hongkong has been wondering when they were due. Now it knows. Those who like beautiful voices well blended, and beauty of face and form, and can stand the "revue" brand of humour with it, will be sure to worry Moutrie's chop-cho.

## 18TH INFANTRY LEAVING.

## FOR TIENTSIN WITH REGIMENTAL BAND.

The Wing of the 18th Infantry under the command of Major H. A. Morgan, altogether about 400 strong, are leaving for Tientsin on Saturday afternoon. They will join the other half of the battalion and will be under the command of Colonel G. Wright, Indian Army.

It will be a matter of regret to lose the 18th, whose officers, Major Morgan, Major W. Hammond, Captain Brett, and others, have been very popular here.

The capable band which has been under the baton of Bandmaster Vassallo will be a distinct loss to the Colony.

## THE NORE AND NOVARA.

## EARLY RETURN TO HONGKONG.

Many of the public, especially those fortunate to be due for Home leave soon, will be glad to learn that those popular P. & O. vessels, the *Nore* and *Novara* will be back in Hongkong during July. The *Nore* leaves London on May 22 and the *Novara* on June 5. They are both due for Home again, leaving Hongkong in August.

## S. S. "STENTOR"

The Blue Funnel steamer *Stentor* (Captain W. Cosker) arrived yesterday with 95 bags of mail and a general cargo for Hongkong. She carried a number of passengers. The *Stentor* left Glasgow for here on March 16, and leaves Hongkong on May 3 for Taingtau, Shanghai and Japan.

The *Stentor* carries a large number of coolies repatriated from France. These go to Taingtau for disembarkment.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

[China Mail Special.]

## STRAITS SHIPPING CRISIS.

SINGAPORE, April 30. The Colonial Secretariat has announced that the situation arising out of the threatened strike of ship officers is more hopeful. It is believed that pending the appointment of a government commission a temporary settlement is likely.

## STEAMER "MARAMA."

## APPALLING CONDITIONS.

SINGAPORE, April 30. Letters received from passengers on the *Marama* unite in denouncing the overcrowding, shortage of stewards, and the dirty state of the ship. The husbands of the ladies aboard are clamouring for a commission to investigate the whole affair, and to punish those responsible for the arrangements which led to such appalling conditions.

## MR. B. A. HALE.

In the course of a private letter to the editor of the China Mail, Mr. B. A. Hale, says life at Home is rather disappointing. He says: "I trust things are going on swimmingly with the C.M. As for myself, I am very unsettled. England at present is not the place it was when I left it. I suppose the weather is the same, though it has been very uncomfortable ever since we arrived, and this added to the fuel and food rationing and the extraordinarily high prices which prevail for everything, has put me in a frame of mind to regard England as a place very much overrated by residents in the Far East. But the weather should soon improve now, and I shall not think of taking the next steamer back. I'll consider it in the autumn, before the next cold weather sets in."

## MANILA OLYMPIAD.

## FAR EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

## PARTICULARS ABOUT SOUTH CHINA ATHLETES.

Twenty-eight athletes from Hongkong have been selected to compete in the Far Eastern Championship Games in Manila, May 12 to 16, and will leave for Manila per S.S. *Leony* Sang to-morrow, under the management of Mr. Lau Fuk Ki, assisted by Mr. Lam Tak To and Mr. Cheung Kai Sing.

In tennis Hongkong will be represented by the local Champion, Ng Siu Kwong. It was hoped that Wong Po-Keung would be able to go also to partner him in the doubles, but Wong is detained by business. Ng Siu Kwong hopes to get a suitable partner from the North China contingent. He is hoping to have a Mr. Lee of Peking as a partner. The doctor is reputed to be a first class player with experience of the game in America and on the principal courts at Home.

The South China Athletic Club is furnishing the football team, chosen from the following players:—Tong Fuk Cheung, Fung Tai, Cheung Wing Hon, Kwok Po Kan, Au Kit Sang, Leung Yik Tong, Tin Koon Sau, Leung Tai Fong, Lau Hin Cheung, Chan So, Choy Hak Hon, Wong Pak Chung, Kwun Kin On, Poon Kam Kit and Ko Kin Fun. Judging from their record during the past season they should repeat their successes of former Far Eastern Championship Games. It will be remembered that the South China were successful in Shanghai in 1915 and in Tokyo in 1917 and they are a stronger team now than then.

Six swimmers are in the team:—Lau Man Ping, Ko Kin Fun, Wong Pun, Ip Shiu Oi, Sung Lu Tuk and Leung Kwok Sam. Chou and Wong competed in Shanghai and Tokyo but the others are all new men.

The other competitors are volleyball players who will combine with Canton to make up a team of 10 men. The Hongkong players are Chan Ki Yan, Ko Sik Wei, Chow Wing Kwong, Wong Hin Wai, Chiu Kwong Yau, Ho Ka Sau and Hung Han Sang. This South China combination won over the Philippines in both Shanghai and Tokyo and they hope to repeat the success on the Philippines' Home Ground.

The team will return by the *Leony* Sang on May 20.

We wish them all success.

## B. I. OFFICERS PAY.

A correspondent kindly supplies us with the following increases in master's salary that have recently come into force in the British India S. N. Co.—1st four years, £53 6s. 8d.; next four years, £50; next two years, £46 13s. 4d.; tenth year and after, £43 6s. 8d. Six months' leave on full pay is granted every 42 months with free passage home and out. Shipping and Engineering.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

(MR. ORME'S COURT.)

CHINESE FUGITIVE IN HONGKONG. Mr. G. N. Orme heard an application by the Chinese Government, this morning, for the repatriation of three fugitives, wanted by the Canton authorities for complicity in an armed robbery in Lui N'ok Village, San Wai District, and belonging to a gang of kidnappers. Mr. Leo Logginotto, the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Colony and Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the fugitives. Mr. Gardiner would oppose any application for a remand since the fugitives had been in jail already for over a month. His Worship fixed further hearing for three afternoons, when evidence will be taken.

WHY MOK YEE? Mok Yee, a Chinese woman, was fined \$4, for assaulting another woman with a piece of fire-wood. A quarrel had arisen over a game of cards, in which complainant was the loser. Defendant was winner also in the physical contest. Both parties were bound over in a bond of \$100 to ensure their peace for six months.

ALLEGED LARCENY. Charged with stealing a silver watch valued at \$4 from a fortune-teller, a Chinese pleaded that he had on a previous occasion asked the complainant for a temporary loan. The latter did not have any money with him and promised to raise some by pawning his watch, but he (defendant) had pawned it instead. A previous conviction was, however, recorded against accused, who informed the Magistrate that he was not sent to jail for larceny but for squeezing money.

Mr. Orme: That's just the same. Three months.

## (MR. LINDSELL'S COURT.)

HOUSE-BREAKING. A youth was charged with breaking into No. 38 Queen's Road West with a chopper, presumably for an unlawful purpose. Defendant and another boy were shadowed by a Chinese constable, from Possession Street to the house in question. When apprised of the constable's presence they immediately took to their heels but defendant was arrested, and the chopper found concealed inside his trousers. Accused furnished the excuse that he was only taking the weapon to a classman living in the house.—Three months.

ALLEGED MISDEMEANOUR. Before Mr. Lindsell, allegations of misdeemeanour as a police constable were preferred against a *liukong*. The case for the prosecution alleges that defendant was on duty near the Whampoa Docks when his attention was drawn towards a group of Chinese playing *fan-tan*. When the constable interposed the men pelted stones at him, and he shot two of them in the leg. The two men and defendant were removed to hospital, wounded. When one of the injured gamblers was asked what they had done to cause the constable to shoot at them, he replied that there was no reason. The shots were fired when the gamblers were all dispersed.

Mr. Lindsell (to witness): If you go on lying like this I will put you down in the dock and fine you for lying.

Medical evidence was then given by Dr. Y. K. To.

The case was remanded till to-morrow.

## THE LAURA GUERITE

## REVUE COMPANY.

Local theatregoers will no doubt read with interest the announcement contained in another part of this issue to the effect that the popular Revue artists, Miss Laura Guerite and her full Company of 22 artistes will shortly appear here, under the management of the Middle East Films, Ltd.

It would be difficult to imagine a more versatile crowd than that which will appear with Miss Guerite in the "Vaudeville Banquet" which will open their season here. Miss Guerite herself is a star with a reputation in both hemispheres. She is the creator of some of the greatest comedy songs hits of recent years, including "Get out and get under" and "Mrs. Rip van Winkle." Miss Guerite will be heard in several of her best successes. Her leading comedian is Mr. George Ross, the popular London artiste, who is described as "the one man music hall" who has established himself as a great favourite in every country visited.

Other members of this talented company include Miss Edyth Hyland, a Soprano who is declared to possess a phenomenal voice, Carlton Chase, a singing light comedian, Hal, the juggling juggler, Bertie and Benson, in a pot pourri of entertaining foolishness, Alma Waite and her beauty chorus in a selection of merry songs, Dorothy Sutton, Hugo Graham and Company, in a Comedy Sketch, and Miss Dot Fay, dainty dancer.

Booking for the local season will shortly open at Moutrie's. Full particulars regarding opening date, etc., will be announced shortly.

## LARGE PROPERTY SALE.

In pursuance of an order of the Supreme Court, on an action regarding the late Mr. Ho Tan San, twenty lots of valuable leasehold property belonging to the deceased were disposed of in Lammett's salesroom, yesterday. Mr. Geo. P. Lammett was the auctioneer. There were over a hundred persons present, mostly Chinese, and bidding was very brisk, especially in the early stages of offers for the lots. Lot 1 opened with an offer of \$25,000 and finally Mr. Ng Wah secured it for \$40,000. Most of the other lots opened with offers of \$5,000 or \$10,000.

The property and amounts realized was as follows:

Lot 1 consists of the two semi-European houses, Nos. 40 and 51 Hollywood Road held under a Crown Lease having 992 years to run.

Lot 2 comprises Nos. 402 Queen's Road West and No. 7 Sam To Lane.

Lot 3 comprises No. 403 Queen's Road West.

Lot 4 comprises No. 5 Sam To Lane.

Lots 5 and 6 are Nos. 187 and 185 Second Street.

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all held for a term of 999 years of which 942 years are unexpired.

Lots 7 to 12 inclusive are Nos. 27, 31, 35, 37, 39 and 41 Centre Street, our house for each lot. All are held under a Crown Lease having 942 years unexpired.

Lots 13, 14 and 15 comprise Nos. 41 and 53 Second Street and 52 First Street. These lots also have an unexpired term of 942 years.

Lots 16 and 17 are Nos. 26 and 28 First Street held under a Crown Lease with 938 years unexpired.

Lot 18 is No. 43 Graham Street. This lot has 934 years to run.

Lots 19 and 20 are No. 30 Peet Street and No. 22 Gage Street. They are both held under a Crown Lease having an unexpired term of 930 years.

The purchasers were:—

Lots Nos. 1 and 18, Mr. Ng Wah, for \$40,000 and \$12,300 respectively.

Lots Nos. 2 and 4, Mr. Liu Yan Chuen, for \$11,500 and \$3,300.

Lots 3, 8, and 9, Mr. Leung Wah Hing, for \$7,000, \$10,000 and \$9,500 respectively.

Lots 4, 16 and 17, Mr. Wong Lok Fong, for \$4,700, \$7,200 and \$7,200.

Lots Nos. 11 and 16, Mr. Chan Hin, for \$8,800 and \$6,000.

Lot No. 7, Mr. Yuen San, for \$14,000.

Lots Nos. 10 and 19, Mr. Chat Yue Tung, for \$9,300 and \$11,300.

Lot No. 12, Mr. Wong Bick Yue, for \$11,000.

Lots Nos. 13 and 14, Mr. Leung Kit Sang, for \$3,500 and \$6,000.

Lot No. 15, Mr. Leo Ki, for \$7,800, and Mr. Leung Yick San, paid \$15,800 for lot No. 20.

## YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polihawalla & Kotwall, the cotton and yarn brokers, report on April 30 as follows:

Since our last report on the 15th inst. our yarn market during the first part of the interval had kept up very quiet with a decline of \$5 to \$8 per bale, but since past week much activity is shown by the Chinese, who, finding the position more favourable, commenced purchases on a large scale resulting in the sales of 8,000 bales which has greatly strengthened the market while prices again showed an improvement of \$3 to \$5 per bale. Owing to the scarcity of Japanese 20s, there is a marked rise in the price of same count of Indian yarn than those of the other counts and at the close the tendency is quiet but steady.

Unsold Stocks 6,000 bales.

Bargain in Chinese hand 17,000 bales.

Arrivals.—Mail str. *Hajira* and extra str. *Innamela*, *Cheongshing*, *Hualwa* and *Burma* from Hongkong have brought in altogether 13,500 bales for Hongkong and 7,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, 800 bales.

Shanghai.—Market has shown similar liveliness with fair number of sales at an advance of 1s. 5 per bale and the tone there is quiet but steady.

This unexpected favourable turn has firmed up Bombay market and the latest quotations from there show some rise in all counts.

Japanese Yarn.—Owing to high prices ruling and small stock at Japan, business has been very insignificant. Quotations as follows: Nagasaki. No. 20s, at \$270; 23s, at \$275; 26s, at \$280; 28s, at \$285; 30s, at \$290; 32s, at \$295; 34s, at \$300; 36s, at \$305; 38s, at \$310; 40s, at \$315; 42s, at \$320; 44s, at \$325; 46s, at \$330; 48s, at \$335; 50s, at \$340; 52s, at \$345; 54s, at \$350; 56s, at \$355; 58s, at \$360; 60s, at \$365; 62s, at \$370; 64s, at \$375; 66s, at \$380; 68s, at \$385; 70s, at \$390; 72s, at \$395; 74s, at \$400; 76s, at \$405; 78s, at \$410; 80s, at \$415; 82s, at \$420; 84s, at \$425; 86s, at \$430; 88s, at \$435; 90s, at \$440; 92s, at \$445; 94s, at \$450; 96s, at \$455; 98s, at \$460; 100s, at \$465.

Raw Cotton.—No stock for Bengal, nor Chinese. Quotations: Bengal at \$40 to \$45 and Chinese at \$43 to \$50 per picul.

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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## NG SEE KWONG AGAIN WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

"All seats sold" was the notice hanging outside the Cricket Club ground long before the match between Ng See Kwong and N. E. Kent started yesterday, a match which was decided as to whether the open singles championship of the Colony was to pass from the Chinese. Every seat was taken and standing room also was at a premium. H.E. the Governor was not the least interested spectator.

The match was a great surprise. The majority of the spectators had come, fully expecting to see Kent sustain a heavy defeat, at the hands of the Chinese. Instead of this Ng See Kwong came within an ace of losing and though the victory finally was his he had all his work cut out to get it. Of course he was below form. At times, so little did he exert himself that it almost seemed as if he did not care whether he won or not. The most surprising thing was the wonderful recovery he made in the last set when his play was more like what we are used to seeing from him.

Kent played well. In the first two or three games he seemed to be nervous but if this feeling did exist it must soon have passed away for his play became very accurate. This is the fourth season that this pair have met in the championship but the first time in the final, as Kent has never before reached this stage. Perhaps it was with the memory of former games that Ng See Kwong seemed to treat Kent somewhat lightly at first.

The weather was far too hot to make playing at all comfortable, and when the play started at 4-15 both men took things lightly. The first game went to Ng See Kwong, won mainly by his service. Kent equalised in the second game. Again each player won a game and then the Chinese made a spurt and brought the score up to 5-2. He was playing very cautiously as he realised the strength of Kent, and could see the difficulty he would have in winning. Kent was by this time playing very steadily and his placing was good and by good play he equalised. The next two games went to the Chinese, thus giving him the set, 7-5. Early in the second set it was easily seen that the two were feeling the heat. Kent got the first game, there being some fine rallies in this. Ng See Kwong got the next two games chiefly because Kent was keeping to the base line too much. Kent soon got the lead, 4-2, this being due to some fine drives. The Chinese equalised and something of a struggle set in, the score creeping up by one game each and it was not until 16 games had been played that the set went to Kent, the scores being 9-7.

Ng See Kwong showed signs of exhaustion in the third set and he very wisely rested. Then when balls came in his direction he made little or no effort to return them. His great stroke has always been his cut from the service line and even this seemed faulty. On the other hand, Kent was playing steadily and making no mistakes. His volleying was splendid. He won the set without giving the Chinese a single game.

In the fourth set Kent started well and everything was pointing to him as the winner. Ng See Kwong got the first game and then the next three went in succession to Kent, who followed up his splendid drives with some good work at the net which completely baffled the Chinese. The set was again 4-2 in Kent's favour. By this time most of those present thought Kent would be the winner. After that the Chinese seemed to wake up to the position he was in. His drives kept Kent at the base line and this style of play won him the next two games. A hard fight, then set in, Kent being very determined as he realised that this set would win him the match. But the Chinese showed that all his energy was not gone and that he had a store in reserve. His play was not nearly like his old form but it was steady. There was great excitement when the scores were 6-4. Then the Chinese got two games, these giving him the set 8-6.

It was in the last set that Ng See Kwong showed his best form. His shots were brilliant, giving nothing away. He kept Kent running all over the court, often to no purpose. The set ultimately went to the Chinese, 6-1. The sets were 7-5, 7-9, 6-6, 8-6, 6-1.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Immediately after the match the prize presentation took place. Mr. F. Maitland thanked Mr. P. Hodgson for all the hard work he had done. In thanking the others who had all done so much to promote the success of the tournament, Mr. Maitland said how strange it was to see Mr. Nisbet as an umpire instead of a player, also Mr. C. Thorne. There was one more final to be played. This was the Club Mixed Handicap Doubles. The delay was because one of those to play in it was unwell but it would be played as soon as possible. He complimented the Chinese on the progress they had made in Tennis and announced that the two cups, won by Ng See Kwong and Wong Po Keung were being replaced by two others from the same source; the generous donor

## FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

## SAILOR INJURED.

A very unfortunate accident occurred at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when Peter William Arnold, an able bodied seaman in the Royal Navy, had the misfortune to break his leg while playing football against a Military team. It appears that as he was tackling one of the Military forwards, he slipped and fell, and the other man, who was running at a pretty fast pace, was unable to check himself in time and fell on Arnold's leg. When it was seen that the injury was a serious one, an ambulance was telephoned for and he was removed to the Naval Hospital where he now lies. Upon enquiries made from the hospital this morning, we understand that although Arnold had regained consciousness, it would be a long time before he would be able to use his leg again, and it is doubtful if he would ever be able to play football again.

## THE PEARL CASE.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies) this morning, the hearing was continued of "the pearl case" in which Mr. P. F. Musso claimed from Mr. G. Martin the sum of \$7,814 as damages for breach of duty as agent for the sale of pearls and negligence.

Mr. Musso having finished his evidence yesterday afternoon, Mr. Potter closed the case for the plaintiff.

This morning the defence was opened and Mr. Poli went into the witness box and in reply to Mr. Alabaster said he was agent for Mr. Martin. Before he left the East in the middle of 1914, he had been given instructions to bring back the pearls with him, but if he had a chance to sell them in New York for not less than the invoice price—\$10,500—he was to do so. He had had no offer for the pearls. In fact, he did not have time to look for any, as he received a telegram almost simultaneously with his arrival at New York, asking for the return of the pearls. In the first week of March, 1915, said witness, he posted the pearls and had them insured for \$6,000. He paid \$30 premium. When he received the telegram in December 1914, he did not return the pearls immediately because the telegram did not appear specific. He understood it to mean only to refrain from putting them on the market and to take them back to the East when he returned. When he received a second cable, he sent the pearls on.

## PERSONALIA.

Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, Poyang.

Mr. A. Herd, chief officer, Poyang, is on leave.

Mr. G. S. Paxton, second engineer, Poyang, is on leave.

Mr. H. B. Graham, second officer, Toonah, has gone second officer, Tungwah.

Mr. W. Linton, third engineer, Yushun, has gone second engineer, Tungwah.

Mr. G. Bonivento, third engineer, Tungwah, has gone third engineer, Yushun.

Mr. J. Baker has been appointed chief officer, Tseangtai.

## WRECKED WARSHIP.

A Japanese resident of Wonsan has discovered the wreck of a warship lying in Geinichi Bay, Chosen, which proves to be the Russian warship Kurik, 12,035 tons, which was a source of terror to the Japanese merchant marine in the Sea of Japan during the Russo-Japanese War.

## CITY OF NAPLES.

The City of Naples, from Dundee outward bound for Calcutta, on April 16, struck the submerged wreck of the *Clan Shaw* in the Firth of Tay. She was badly holed and had to be beached.

being Mr. Ho Fook. Mr. Maitland wished the Chinese all good luck on their forthcoming visit to Manila.

Miss Gurner then distributed the following prizes—

Club Handicap Singles, Class A—Winner, L. Forster; runner-up, A. Morse.

Club Handicap Singles, Class B—Winner, C. B. Brown; runner-up, W. Mackenzie.

Club Handicap Doubles—Winners, F. A. Redmond and A. Morse; runner-up, Col. Crisp and Capt. Murray.

Open Doubles—Winners, N. E. Kent and F. A. Redmond; runners-up, Capt. Murray and J. S. Jennings.

Open Singles—Winner, N. E. Kent; runner-up, T. Mishima.

Doubles Championship of the Colony—Ng See Kwong and Wong Po Keung.

Singles Championship—Ng See Kwong.

Mr. Maitland, in thanking Miss Gurner for having given away the prizes, presented her with a beautiful bouquet in a silver vase.

Commodore Gu Fner thanked Mr. Maitland, on behalf of his daughter, for having asked her to give away the prizes. The tournament had been an extremely good one.

The gathering then dispersed.

## COLONIAL DISPENSARY'S CASE.

## DEFENDANTS FINED.

Judgment was given this morning by Mr. G. N. O'Connell in the case in which Messrs. Colin Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., better known as the Colonial Dispensary, and Tang Hok Lung, an employee of the Company, were charged under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance of 1918 as previously reported.

Mr. G. H. Wakeham, the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, of Messrs. Lo and Lo) appeared for defendants.

Mr. O'Connell delivered a lengthy judgment, in which he rectified the facts, reviewed their significance, dealt with the arguments of Counsel, and explained the intention of the Statute of the Ordinance.

In part he said: The question is whether such business was in this case personally conducted by the superintendent, Mr. Colin Mackenzie.

It was proved that at the time in question two mixtures containing poisons were dispensed in the course of business to separate individuals and that the superintendent could not be communicated with when required.

Mr. Colin Mackenzie had stated for the defence that he attended the shop daily from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. to make up the prescriptions and it was claimed that this was sufficient to constitute personal superintendence. In law, passed for the protection of the public, the provisions must be construed in the strictest sense against those who choose to transact business in which such protection is required and I find in this case, that business at the time was not being conducted personally by the registered superintendent as the law provides and I must convict the defendant firm accordingly.

These offences are serious and were committed in this case by the firm doing a large business in the centre of the town and close to other chemists who would be put to more expense in complying with the law.

Likely for the defendant firm, it does not appear that any harm has been done. I fine the defendant firm \$100 on each of the last summons and \$25 on each of the other four making \$200 in all, and the defendant Tang Hok Lung \$25 on each of the two summonses making \$50 in all. The other two summonses are dismissed.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Franks, D.S.P.R.

## ARMOURY.

The Musketry Sergeant will attend the Armoury on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 5.15 to 6.15 p.m.

When it is necessary for a member to return a rifle between those dates an order in writing will be obtained by him from his Equipment Officer, and the rifle will be handed, with the order, to the Store Sergeant.

Search supervision duties will be performed as follows—

1st May to 9th May (inclusive) by No. 2 Flatoon.

10th May to 1st June (inclusive) by No. 2 Company.

## MEETING.

A meeting will be held at Headquarters on the 2nd May at 5.30 p.m.

All Staff Officers, Inspectors and Sergeants who have not performed S.S. duties are required to attend.

Staff Inspector Eldridge will attend. Tankers does not apply to the Band Orchestra, Buglers and Mounted Section. Uniform optional.

## "THE YOUNGER GENERATION."

Had Stanley Houghton been alive to-day and been present at the Theatre Royal last evening when the Howitt Phillips Company presented his story of Lancashire life he would not have been displeased. They did it well. The writer of this short appreciation was a friend of Houghton's and together they went to Manchester Grammar School and tramped along the same Lancashire streets from which Stanley Houghton got so many of his ideas. Of course it was not so good as "Hindle Wakes," but that was his best. There was only one thing lacking last night. A little more of the Lancashire accent would have been good for you know it is always there in the Lancashire man's speech.

As the Lancashire father Mr. Charles Howitt was all that could be desired. So was Miss Lillian Stanbridge as his wife. The part of Reggie was well done by Leonard Stephens. This can be said of all. They gave a true representation of a certain phase of Lancashire life which still exists and one can only wish that they had had a more appreciative audience to give them the tribute due for their faithful representation.

## NEW C.P.O.S. VESSEL.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited, is reported to have ordered a third 16,000-ton Empress steamer for the Pacific trade, replacing the worn-out *Empress of Japan*.

## EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., as agents for the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., of London, advise us that the 38th annual report, together with the Audited Accounts to 31st December, 1918, was submitted on March 26.

The premiums for the year are \$5,095,301, against \$3,396,630 for the year 1917.

The Directors had already paid an interim dividend of 10/- per Share, and now recommended a further dividend of 18/- per Share (free of Income Tax) making together a dividend of 28/- per Share for the year. This absorbed \$140,000.

The premiums received totalled \$5,095,301 18s 4d, the three departments sharing as follows: Fire \$230,346 16s 8d, Marine \$332,246 1s 3d, and Accident \$4,512,709 0s 5d.

## POLICE GRIEVANCES.

## HOME OFFICE INQUIRY.

The Home Secretary has appointed the following Committee to consider whether and what changes should be made in the method of recruiting for and in the conditions of service and rates of pay, pensions, and allowances of the police forces of England, Wales, and Scotland:—

Lord Desborough (chairman), Lord Gell, Sir Francis Blake, M.P., Sir Henry Craik, M.P., Captain J. O'Grady, M.P., Sir James P. Remond, M.P., and Mr. James Sexton, M.P.

## OPIUM ON "CHUNGKING."

Upon the arrival of the China Navigation *Chungking* at Shanghai from Hankow on April 21, the police were informed by the captain that there was opium on board the steamer. The police were sent to Footing wharf and several pounds of opium was discovered concealed in the baggage of two Indian passengers.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Suwa Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd May
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Yokohama via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Empress of Russia	Empress of Russia	On 18th May
Yokohama via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Empress of Japan	Empress of Japan	On 18th June
Sydney & Melbourne	Nankai Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st May
Australian Ports via Japan	Aki Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th May
Australian Ports via Japan	Seiya Maru	Topo Kisen Kaisha	On 2nd May
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Tamaki Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th May, at 11 a.m.
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Butterfield & Swire	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st May, at 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Butterfield & Swire	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 7th May, at Noon
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Butterfield & Swire	Kase Maru	On 20th May
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Butterfield & Swire	Java-China-Japan Line	On 1st May, at Noon
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# BANKER ON INDEMNITIES. PLEA FOR MODERATION. DANGER TO BRITISH TRADE.

A discussion on "The Economics of a War Indemnity" was opened at a meeting of the Institute of Bankers on March 5 at the School of Oriental Studies, Finsbury-circus, by Sir Charles Addis, joint manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and a director of the Bank of England. The chair was occupied by Mr. Henry Bell, general manager of Lloyd's Bank, and among the audience were:

Mr. Alfred Hoare, Mr. H. H. Hoare (National Bank), G. J. Scott (Union Bank of Scotland), Mr. L. E. Thomas (National Provincial), and Mr. H. W. Collins (Barclays). Mr. F. E. Steele (London County and Westminster), Mr. Parr (Bank), Mr. T. H. F. Page, Mr. H. Beaton (British Bank for Foreign Trade), and Mr. Herbert C. Blyth (Stock Exchange).

Sir Charles Addis said a review of modern war indemnities—money—indemnities—suggested that they should be moderate in amount. After the Battle of Waterloo the indemnity imposed on France by the Allies was £20,000,000, without interest, payable in five years. There was no indemnity after the war in the Crimea. The Austro-Prussian War of 1866 was followed by an indemnity of 40,000,000 Prussian thalers, reduced by counter-claims to an equivalent of about £3,000,000. The French indemnity of 1870 was for £200,000,000. After the Russo-Turkish War of 1878, Turkey agreed to pay an indemnity of £32,000,000, and afterwards defaulted. The indemnity exacted from China by Japan in 1894 was £30,000,000. An indemnity of £267,000,000 was imposed on China by the Powers after the Boxer outbreak in 1901. Peace was concluded after the war between Russia and Japan in 1904 without an indemnity. These indemnities appeared to have been based on a claim for damage done; they did not include the costs of war and they were for amounts capable of being paid, so to speak, on the spot. The gravamen of the charge against the Germans in the case of France was that they imported a new element into the indemnity amounting to a difference in kind. The object became penal, to punish the enemy by the infliction of a fine over and above the cost of the war, to cripple his economic resources, and prevent, or render it difficult for him to undertake a subsequent war of revenge. The Germans demanded and received more than they had spent. They made money out of the war at the time. Whether it was a good permanent investment or not they were now in the best position to judge. Justice had its price, and if it was found that it could only be paid in full at the expense of our own industrial classes, then, in their interests, it might be expedient to be content with something less than the uttermost farthing. We had our rights; Germany deserved to be punished. Germany ought to pay, but he denied that there was anything soft or sentimental in the golden rule of doing as we would be done by. (Hear, hear.) There was nothing weak or unmanly in practising the Christian law of forgiveness. A penal indemnity was bad business.

"SELF-DESTRUCTIVE" ARGUMENT.

The argument for inflicting such an indemnity as would cripple Germany economically, and so put her out of her power to prepare for another war, appeared to be self-destructive. A crippled Germany obviously could not pay a penal indemnity. To suppose that in crippling a nation you thereby obtained a guarantee of exclusive peace was a chimera. The ultimate sanction of the League of Nations was force—the combined force of all its members instead of the isolated force of any one of them. On that covenant, we agreed to it, we asked for good or ill the political security of this country and the world's peace. We had to recognise that the whole political situation had been changed by the substitution of international co-operation for international competition in defence. After the prior claims of France, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro had all been satisfied, and our own civilian damage repaired, he feared little would be left to defray our military expenditure, even if Germany were skinned. Germany had, no doubt, rendered valuable services to this country in the past, in shipping, in insurance, in banking, and in various industries; but how would it be possible for her to render such service in future if she were stripped of her banking and insurance agencies in this country, and her nationals forbidden to set foot on its shores? Some apprehension had been excited at the prospect of our market being flooded with cheap German goods to the detriment of our own industries, but he thought these fears were exaggerated. Men would not work without hope of reward. There must be the will to work. There must be comfort and leisure for the producer over and above the ordinary standard of living. Capital must be allowed to earn the ordinary rate of remuneration, or it would take wings to itself and fly away. If Germany were afforded facilities for trade, freedom of market, free

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At meetings of the Directors held April 8 and October 16, 1918, the officers were authorized to subscribe G. \$1,000,000 and G. \$1,750,000, respectively, to the Third and Fourth Liberty Loans.

During the period covered by this report the Board has ordered and authorized the following dividend payments:

On the preferred stock: 12 per cent. on March 1, 1918, to holders on record at close of business February 15, 1918; 12 per cent. on June 1, 1918, to holders on record at close of business May 17, 1918; 12 per cent. on September 1, 1918 (date of retirement of the entire outstanding issue of preferred stock), to holders on record August 5, 1918. On the common stock: 50¢ per share and extra dividend of G. \$1 per share on June 15, 1918, to holders on record at close of business June 1, 1918; 50¢ per share and extra dividend of \$1 per share on December 16, 1918, to holders on record at close of business December 2, 1918.

Although the actual operating revenues for the past year were much in excess of those obtained during 1917, our income account does not reflect this increase, as in the case of all of our vessels, with the exception of the *s.s. San Juan* and *San Jose*, the earnings accruing to the Company have been determined entirely by the charter rates allowed by the U. S. Shipping Board under the terms of U. S. Government Requisition Charter.

Included in earnings are amounts entered as commission returns for the operation of our requisitioned vessels for the account of the United States Government, calculated upon the basis of rates for this service as published by the United States Shipping Board.

# CHINESE ON BRITISH SHIPS.

The South Wales officials of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union met at Cardiff on February 27 to discuss the question of employment of Chinese on board British vessels. No resolution was submitted, but it was agreed among them to advise all members of the Union not to sign on vessels where Chinese labour is employed.

According to an announcement by the National Maritime Board regarding rates of overtime for Chinese seamen, it is stated that these, as compared with those for European seamen, should be in the same proportion as the pay of Chinese seamen compares to the pay of European seamen, namely, 1s. 2d. ordinary days and 1s. 6d. Sundays.

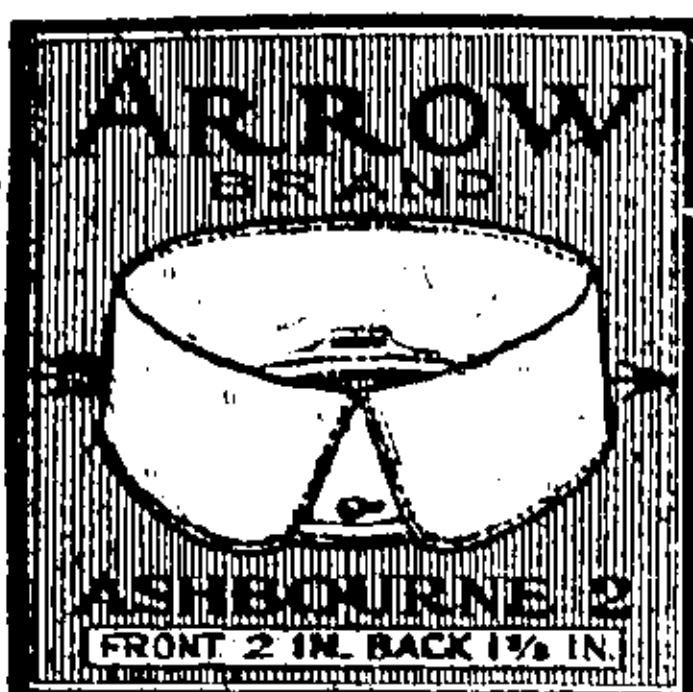
# THIEVING CHINESE.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s *Namsang*, which arrived in Hongkong recently, brought over 600 Shanghai Chinese, who have seen service in Mesopotamia and East Africa as stevedores, artisans, etc. They committed numerous depredations on board the B. I. *s.s. Fasilka* between Bombay and Penang and on arrival at Singapore the steamer was met by a military guard and, having been relieved of a quantity of opium and other articles, stolen from the ship, they were conducted in batches of twenty or thirty to the Alexandra Barracks, where they were confined till they embarked on the *Namsang*.

access to raw material, on discrimination, and a reasonable time for payment, we should be justified in demanding, and might reasonably expect to receive, the maximum amount which it was decided Germany could pay, with the minimum of injury to our own trade.

An indemnity was a payment by Government directly out of taxes and indirectly out of the surplus production over consumption of goods and services. If the whole of the surplus was taken and no inducement offered to Labour and Capital, the surplus goods would cease to be created. The act of payment was not completed until the goods had been exported, and the disturbance caused to world's prices and credit by the export of goods for which there was no equivalent import would prevent the receiving country from securing the full advantage of an indemnity. The interdependence of nations made it impossible to cripple Germany without to some extent crippling British trade; conversely, British trade would benefit by any increase of prosperity in Germany. To secure the maximum indemnity to the minimum injury to the trade of this country it would be necessary to afford Germany free access to raw material, and freedom to arrange her own mode of paying the indemnity, which should be for a moderate amount, well within her taxable capacity and on such terms as to keep alive in the debtor the hope of redemption within a reasonable time. (Hear, hear.)

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With a view to competing with the Canadian Pacific steamer service which has the cream of the traffic on the North Pacific route with its big Empress boats, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided to extend its service on that line by building three new steamers each of 20,000 tons capacity, says the *Japan Times*.

Japan's premier shipping company is in possession of over 1,300,000 reserve funds which will reach over 2,000,000,000 when the profit for the present term is added; the directors have drawn up a plan to construct these three fine liners by using these accumulating reserves, considering that North American line is fast becoming one of the most important sea routes of the world.

The steamers will have a speed of 20 knots and will cover the trip between Japan and America in a week. The first steamer will perhaps be ordered from a British yard and the other two will be ordered from Japanese yards.

At the same time the N.Y.K. intends to improve the service on the Japan-Shanghai line by adding three 6,000 tons steamers also to be newly constructed, to further facilitate the trade between Japan and China. On the completion of the new steamers which will be built at home yards the service will be made an every-day service.

The company will also construct several new cargo boats in addition to these new passenger boats.

# BRITISH TO CHINESE FLAG.

A great ceremony was held at the Nantao Wharves on April 21 when the flag of the Yangtze's *Changon* was changed from British to Chinese. Over 100 Chinese guests had been invited by the Hong Kong S.S. Co. and a band was in attendance the ceremony of hoisting the Chinese flag being received with cheers. The flag of the other steamer of the Company, the *Tehsing*, will be changed on her arrival from Hankow. It will be remembered that, early in the year, the British capital in the company was bought out by the Chinese holders and application was at once made to the British Consulate to change the vessels' registry from British to Chinese. As only about ten per cent. of the capital concerned was British, the change is not a very great one and it remains to be seen how the ships will be affected should trouble again break out on the Yangtze.

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The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Arabian, Abyssinian or Mohammedan in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or its transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of China, Szechuan, Yunnan, Kweichow, and Szechuan will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Baghdad, Fathma, French Somal Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

# OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, May 2.  
Fort Bayard—Per SUN TAK, 11 a.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 2 p.m.  
India via Bombay—Per HEJAZ, 2.30 p.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per MELVILLE DOLLAR, 5 p.m.  
SATURDAY, May 3.  
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhauabkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per ATSUJI MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.  
Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Hilo and San Francisco—Per SEIYO MARU, 11 a.m.  
Tientsin—Per HUICHOW, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per STENTOR, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 4.  
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow via Keelung—Per KAIJOMARU, 9 a.m.  
MONDAY, May 5.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via CANADA—Per SUYA MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
Swatow and Bangkok—Per LIANGCHOW, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, May 6.  
Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via AMERICA—Per TENYO MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, May 8.  
Shanghai and North China—Per SUYANG, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Vladivostok, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, May 9.  
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow—Per HAIHONG, 1 p.m.  
SATURDAY, May 10.  
Shanghai and North China—Per KWANGSE, 5 p.m.  
MONDAY, May 12.  
Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHINHUA, 11 a.m.

# NEW O. S. K. SHIPS.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha will shortly have four new steamers in its service, the *s.s. Batavia Maru*, 4,200 tons, which is nearing completion, will be put in service on the new Keelung-Singapore line. The *s.s. Madras Maru*, 4,200 tons, will shortly leave for the regular European line. The *Amur Maru*, 8,000 tons, will be launched in the latter part of April, and the *Amazon Maru* about June.

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# NINGSHAO S. N. REPORT.

The tenth annual meeting of shareholders of the Ningshao S. N. Co. was held on April 20. The statement of accounts for last year showed that business was satisfactory, there being a balance of profit amounting to \$383,940.36. From this amount, \$20,000 was transferred to reserve fund, and \$19,970 was appropriated for the redemption of "free travelling tickets" issued to shareholders on the formation of the Company, leaving net balance of \$343,970.36.

# MINE DANGERS.

In order to minimize the mine risk, it is announced that vessels making voyages through the Mediterranean, the Bay of Biscay, the English Channel and the North Sea, as well as to ports of the United Kingdom and France, should obtain routing orders and latest information with respect to the location of mines and other dangers to navigation, as the waters referred to are reported as not having been completely cleared of mines and other obstructions.

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